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AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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RURAL EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have achieved its target in the Rural Employment Generation Programme during the previous and the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any downfall has been noticed in the target fixed during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the Government propose to implement the programmes effectively?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) & (b): Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP), about 3 lakhs jobs are expected to be created in 2001-2002 against a target of 4 lakhs jobs. The actual figures are under compilation. The target for the current year 2002-2003 is to create 4 lakhs jobs.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The Government through the Khadi and Village IndustriesCommission (KVIC) is implementing REGP for generating additional employment in rural areas. Under the REGP (Margin Money Scheme)all individuals firms/Societies/ Limited companies are eligible to set up units subject to an investment ceiling of Rs. 25 lakhs instead of Rs. 10 lakhs. The scheme has been extended to high credit rated NGOs, Micro Financial Institutions, Self-Helf Groupsand Rashtriya Mahila Kosh for implementation. The budget of theREGP which was enhanced from Rs. 120 crores to Rs. 150 crores in 2001-2002 has been further enhanced to Rs. 200 crores during the current financial year. The target for the 10th Plan is to generate additional employment opportunities for 2.0 million persons with a proposed investment of Rs. 1250 crores.